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WINDS OF CHANGE BLOWING FOR ALABAMA POWER

Conservation Alabama applauds wind power approval by Public Service Commission

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MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA – Last week, the Alabama Public Service Commission approved Alabama Power’s proposal to purchase 202 MW of wind energy from TradeWind Energy over the next 20 years.

“This marks a significant step in diversifying Alabama’s energy options, and we applaud Alabama Power and the Public Service Commission for their decision to pursue wind power,” said Conservation Alabama’s Executive Director Adam Snyder. “This project shows that renewable energy sources such as wind can be a reliable, cost-effective part of the state’s energy portfolio.”

TradeWind Energy will construct a wind farm in Grant and Garfield counties, Oklahoma to provide the 202 MW of energy for Alabama Power from 2013 through 2032. Over the 20-year span of the purchase agreement, Alabama Power expects the wind power project will result in savings for its customers. The purchase agreement is one of the largest of any Southeast utility for renewable energy.

“As our utilities and state regulators look at Alabama’s energy mix going forward, we encourage them to develop an energy plan that also emphasizes more Alabama-based solutions,” Snyder said. “Energy efficiency programs and local renewable energy projects can create jobs in Alabama, improve the health of citizens and the environment, and should be considered a viable part of the state’s energy portfolio.”

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